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Thanksgiving should be observed this season with more than ordinary custom, in this valley, for all places in our great country, this valley has peculiar cause to be thankful. Many a family may date its prosperity from this year of our Lord 1880. This is the year which will go down in Pecos Valley history, as one of the most important, if not the most important since the first ground was broken, in the improvements, which are to present the wonder of the country and the pride of the territory. People who, heretofore were unable to realize on any crop in rich, now have the assurance that the best crop, in addition to being certain, is also a cash crop. The best sugar factory also adds no small figure to the taxable valuation of the county, thereby lessening the burden on farmers. The season has been extremely kind to the valley in many ways, especially in the health of our people; the year was very marked in this respect. No epidemic or general sickness of any kind having invaded the valley. To render heartfelt thanks, then, should be the aim of all and to give liberally in charity, to all needy ones; thereby proving by works that a thankful spirit exists. There are always unfortunate ones who deserve the kindly hand held out, and no better time exists to give it than the present.

The Sunday morning tragedy at Phoenix was, speaking for the public, both a blessing and a curse. A blessing, for it speaks louder than words to the young man, either native or American, to seek his home at a reasonable hour, to be moderate in his pleasures and prefer less violent amusement to a body riddled with bullets; it will finally lead to the saloons being put under a closer restraint; laws will be enforced, as to Sunday closing and others will be passed to close the places at eleven p.m., since has been the history of other states and this valley will not be an exception. Then the affair was a curse to the tax payers for the protection of criminals, however imperatively the welfare of society demands, it is ever expensive, and honest hard working farmers are naturally indignant that a large share of their savings go each year to feed jail birds and for court expenses. The only consolation is in the fact that if all were not prosecuted, there would be more crime and life or property would neither be safe.

The proposed extension of the Pecos Valley railway is of more interest to people in this section than any other question now-a-days. Such great national matters as to who will be the members of McKinley's cabinet are insignificant to the Pecos Valleyites when the railway question is on. At present the project seems nearer materializing than at any previous time. The line was surveyed last winter and everything is in readiness to begin operations in construction, when the capital can be secured. This will be settled shortly, in fact it is said to be settled, and that only the preliminaries are now to be adjusted.

The friends of U. S. Bateman, representative elect from this district are anxious to see him chosen speaker of the house in the next general assembly. His knowledge of parliamentary law, coupled with a genial and kindly disposition peculiarly fit him for the position. Then Mr. Bateman was elected by the largest majority given any democrat, for the legislature; it would be a worthy tribute to the banner district to make its representative the speaker, something to encourage democratic majorities in the future.

Laboring men who use unlawful means to accomplish results soon lose the respect and sympathy of farmers and others; the cause of labor thereby suffering. Should any unlawful means be taken to prevent cheap labor from being employed, farmers would rise and condemn the law breakers. The kind of protection needed for labor is a tariff of \$1000 on each laborer, coming to the country. What if such a tariff was put on as to prohibit laborers from coming here? Then what would manufacturers say about protection? "Protection to labor!" Bah!

Mr Caton has just one thing to do to "play even." That is to procure statehood for New Mexico at the winter session of congress. Falling in this he is forever politically damned. It's his only salvation. This is perfectly apparent to every political student, yet we hear his organs constantly howling "statehood is dead." Don't you believe it dear reader.—New Mexican.

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